ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 05015.0365U1 **PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	
IRICK, JR. ET AL.		
Serial No.: 09/662,965) Group Art Un	it: 1712
Filed: September 15, 2000) Examiner:	SHORT, P.
FOI: "METHODS FOR SLOWING THE DEGRADATION RATE OF BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS AND BIODEGRADABLE POLYME POLYMER COMPOSITIONS AND COMPOSITIONS THEREOF") (R))	

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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VIA FACSIMILE 703-308-2395

Attention: Examiner P. Short

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C.

Customer Number 23859

August 8, 2003

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 to take action required in the application identified in the caption, as reflected by the papers submitted herewith:

\boxtimes	One Month	\$110.00	(\$ 55.00)*
	Two Months	\$410.00	(\$205.00)*
	Three Months	\$930.00	(\$465.00)*
	Four Months	\$1,450.00	(\$725.00)*
	Five Months	\$1,970.00	(\$985.00)*

^{*} Small Entity

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This amount is believed to be correct. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date